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TAGS: PARM, JA

SUBJECT: JAPAN AND NPT

1. FONOFF TOOK ADVANTAGE OF GOVERNMENTAL LULL CAUSED BY LOCKHEED TO CAMPAIGN WITH LOWER HOUSE DIET FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE APRIL 7 FOR RATIFICATION OF NPT. DURING INFORMAL DISCUSSION ON THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, UN BUREAU DIRGEN OKAWA STRESSED THAT FAILURE TO RATIFY DURING CURRENT SESSION WOULD UNDERMINE INTERNATIONAL TRUST IN JAPAN AND HARM JAPAN'S "PEACE DIPLOMACY BASED ON THE THREE NON-NUCLEAR PRINCIPLES." OKAWA CITED FIVE AREAS WHERE ADVERSE REPERCUSSIONS COULD BE EXPECTED: A) FURTHER DELAY WILL COST JAPAN THE TRUST OF OTHER NATIONS. B) SUSPICIONS WILL GROW AMONG SE ASIANS THAT JAPAN INTENDS TO DEVELOP NUCLEAR WEAPONS. C) US AND CANADA, WHICH HAVE BEEN LENIENT WITH JAPAN DURING ITS NPT RATIFICATION PROCESS, WILL HARDEN THEIR ATTITUDES, JEOPARDIZING PEACEFUL NUCLEAR ENERGY PROGRAMS IN JAPAN. D) FAVORABLE CONFIDENTIAL

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SAFEGUARDS INSPECTION ARRANGEMENTS BEING NEGOTIATED

WITH IAEA WILL BE LOST. E) JAPAN'S INFLUENCE AS  
PROPOSER OF DISARMAMENT WILL BE SERIOUSLY REDUCED.

2. PESSIMISTIC ABOUT CHANCES FOR RATIFICATION BECAUSE  
OF DIET BOYCOTT BY OPPOSITION PARTIES, FONOFF  
DISARMAMENT DIVDIR KAZUHARA TOLD US THAT EVEN  
HYPOTHETICALLY CHANCES FOR RATIFICATION ARE NOW POOR.  
HE POINTED OUT THAT TO RATIFY A) DIET MUST BE NORMALIZED  
EARLY NEXT WEEK IN TIME TO PERMIT A FINAL LH FAC  
SESSION ON NPT; THEN B) DIET LH PLENARY MUST RATIFY  
THE FOLLOWING WEEK (BEFORE APRIL 24) IN ORDER TO HAVE  
REQUIRED THIRTY DAYS FOR AUTOMATIC RATIFICATION  
REGARDLESS OF UPPER HOUSE ACTION. TIME PROBLEM COULD  
BE EASED IF DIET IS EXTENDED BUT KAZUHARA DOUBTS THIS  
WILL OCCUR.

3. COMMENT: WE DO NOT RULE OUT RATIFICATION BUT ODDS FOR THIS  
SESSION ARE WORSENING STEADILY. FONOFF NEVERTHELESS DESERVES  
CREDIT FOR ITS HARD WORK ON NPT, AND MAIN HURDLE NOW  
IS DIET BOYCOTT RATHER THAN OPPOSITION IN LDP.

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